

# Local sailor to compete in a 2011 transatlantic race in June

SPECIAL TO THE CLIPPER

If you have lived in Duxbury for any amount of time you have probably heard the name Ed Mayo down by the waterfront. Growing up in Duxbury has many advantages to other parts of the world and one of them is the ability to become an accomplished sailor. On June 26, Mayo will embark on the longest race to his credit as he has signed on for the 2011 Transatlantic Race.

The 2011 Transatlantic Race leaves from Newport, Rhode Island and sails to "the Lizard" in Portsmouth England. It is estimated that the trip will take 17 days total if the conditions forecasted hold.

"We have already started planning what gear, food and sails to bring," said Mayo regarding the fact that there is limited storage on the boat for such a long trip.

The boat is a hybrid custom Hinckley SW42 and has a reputable race history with strong finishes in the Newport to Bermuda and Marblehead to Halifax Races. The boat will be one of the smaller to enter the race since boats will



Local sailor Ed Mayo will participate in a transatlantic race from Newport, Rhode Island to Portsmouth, England this summer.

compete that are over 200 feet in length. There is a correction implemented to allow for the difference in size and speed. This means that Mayo's team can still win the race overall on corrected time.

Mayo started sailing before he could remember and has a sailing resume not typical of most 33-years-olds. Previous accomplishments include the Marblehead to Halifax Race, Newport to Ensenada Race, multiple Newport to Bermuda races, the Miami to Montego Bay Race and thousands of de-

livery miles. In addition to his offshore sailing credentials he was captain of the University of New Orleans Sailing Team, one of the first sailing coaches at DBMS, the first Duxbury High Sailing Coach to receive National Honors, coached at Bowdoin College and was the program director at the Harraseekett Yacht Club in Freeport, Maine.

As the race time gets closer to the start date, people will be able to track the progress of the race at [transatlanticrace.org](http://transatlanticrace.org).